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Marginal Column

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THE American Congress's act to "outlaw" the Communist Party is not a pretty piece of legislation by any standard, least of all American. Yet it was intended, and may in part succeed, in removing one of the most distressing aspects of the American political scene — the chase after Communists in places high and low. It was deliberately drawn up by certain Democrats as the most extreme anti-Communist measure ever to be sent on to the White House for signature and execution. They forced the bill on the unwilling liberal wing of their own Party and the equally unwilling leadership of the Republican Party. Everyone recognised the tactical importance of the measure and there were no dissenting voices when it was put to the vote.

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THE virtue of the act, from the Democrats' point of view, is that it allows them to face the voters in the present electoral campaign with a stout heart and a straight face. Having, with great simplicity of tactic, out-McCarthy'd McCarthy they need no longer fear the sort of accusations which were levelled against them in the last electoral campaign two years ago. Instead of meanly snooping around after stray red cats, like the Republicans, they have, so to speak, made it impossible for cats ever to appear on the street. They have passed a law against Communists, and passing a law against something is—as anyone who has ever been to America knows—an activity very dear to the American heart. Before such a measure, the Republican boards of investigation pale into things of everyday. There has long since ceased to be anything dramatic about a charge of Communists or fellow-travellers in the State Department.

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UNTIL now the Democrats were shy of employing this gambit. When Senator Knowland (Rep.) announced not so long ago that America would withdraw from the United Nations should China be seated there, Senator Lyndon Johnson (Dem.) did no more than make haste to support him. That only showed that the Democrats were no less anti-Communists than the Republicans. The new tactic is something better than "me-tooism." If all goes well and their calculation proves correct, the Democrats will face a campaign in which "Communism" will have been reduced to a minor issue because it will be plain to all that both parties are against it. This was not plain to a great many voters in 1952. Once this elementary fact has been made clear the Democrats will be free to hammer on the Republicans' domestic record: what Mr. Benson, the Secretary of Agriculture, allegedly did to the farmers, and so forth.

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SOME people will object to this and point out that the Act provides penalties for certain forms of activity in the Party and that it cannot be regarded as a purely tactical manoeuvre. But, in fact, the present legal situation of the Communists is unlikely to suffer much change. There is already enough legislation on the statute books to put key Party members in prison if the Department of Justice really means business, and there are enough boards and committees to make sure that few, if any, of the smaller camels will slip through the eye of the needle placed before the gate to government employment. At most, the country's voting machines will no longer carry the names of Communist candidates for office and one form of temptation will have been removed from the American citizen's ken. But even that, in practice, will change little as at their recent congress, the American Communist Party instructed the faithful to vote for the candidates of *other* parties if those candidates fulfilled certain requirements. The requirements were pretty stiff, all things considered (favouring the admission of China to U.N. was one) but the main thing was the instruction itself. It was a return to the tactics adopted in 1944 when the Communists not only voted for Roosevelt but were active in the campaign on his behalf.

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IN short, the practical effects of Senator Humphrey's measure may well be limited to a cooling off of the political climate in the States, something to which even the anti-American public on the Older Continents can hardly object. But this said, there remains the fact that it is a very disturbing piece of legislation. No nation can permit itself for long the luxury of passing statutes which are not seriously or primarily intended to serve their stated purposes. That way lies prostitution of the legislature and corruption of the body politic. Many people of good will will hope that once the November election is over, American legislators will return to their work in a calmer and clearer frame of mind.

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Why are the General Zionists interested in antiquarianism (the small parties? In tomorrow's Magazine, "Tasty Crisis Made to Order" by Gershon Agron examines the merits of proportional representation and the two-party system.

Also for your weekend reading are: a dramatic account by Hall Lehrman of his tour of Morocco's Jewish communities and an interview with the Pasha of Marrakesh; an account of conditions at the Acre asylum; new archaeological finds at Bet Shemsh; how a Hebrew University student built one of the new nuclear measuring instruments in the world; and a review of Moshe Shamir's latest historical novel, "King, Hound and Flock." These are only a few of tomorrow's features, apart from your usual Friday favourites. Order your copy today.

Britain to Call Eight-Power Talks on EDC Alternative

Meeting to Precede NATO Parleys

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Cabinet today decided to call an early eight-power conference — comprising the six nations who signed the now defunct European Army treaty, the U.S. and Britain—to discuss an alternative method of rearming Western Germany.

If agreement is reached on the meeting, it will probably take place in London within the next three weeks, it was learned.

The conference would be one of Foreign Ministers.

The six nations which joined the E.D.C. — rejected by the French Assembly this week — are France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The new meeting would be a preliminary to the special ministerial session of the 14-nation NATO Council as proposed yesterday by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles.

Britain will propose to the meeting that West Germany should now be rearmed with safeguards against any resurgence of national militarism and brought direct into the Atlantic pact.

The Cabinet took its decisions at a specially summoned two-hour meeting presided over by Sir Winston Churchill, who broke off his country holiday because of the crisis in Western defence and German policies.

From Paris, meanwhile, it was reported that Premier Pierre Mendes-France is desirous of discussions with Britain.

Nothing official has been revealed, but it is believed that the French Government would favour a form of European association in which Britain and France figure on identical terms, with both countries exercising the same control over German rearmament.

Bonn Wants Equal Partnership

BONN, Wednesday (Reuter). — Restoration of West German sovereignty, participation in Western defence without discrimination and immediate negotiations with the U.S. and Britain are among five principles of West German policy, following the collapse of the European Army plan, the Government announced here tonight.

The other two were: continuation of the policy of European unity with all those nations ready to carry on, and in all appropriate fields, consultations on the further course of military integration with countries that have ratified E.D.C. or are about to do so. Also, juridical settlement through the conclusion of treaties of the stationing of foreign troops on West German territory.

The Cabinet met today for the second time in 24 hours under the chairmanship of Chancellor Adenauer to consider France's rejection of the European Army treaty.

Observers here thought that the Government's communique amounted to an invitation to the Benelux countries and Italy to continue the policy of European integration, leaving France in isolation. At the same time, it set as West Germany's aim direct negotiations with Britain and the U.S. on the grant of sovereignty to West Germany and on German participation in Western defence "without discrimination."

The legal position of troops of other countries in Germany is to be determined by the "conclusion of treaties," implying that the existing Bonn conventions on this subject are now defunct.

SEATO Curtain-Raiser

MANILA, Wednesday (Reuter). — Delegates of eight nations opened preliminary talks today on a draft treaty for South-East Asian defence to be presented to the first full meeting of the SEATO conference on Monday.

Many delegates said at the end of the 90-minute session that the talks were "satisfactory." They declined to elaborate.

British Socialists End China Visit

HONG KONG, Wednesday (Reuter).—Mr. Clement Attlee and seven British Labour Party colleagues arrived here from their China tour today in the first Communist passenger train to cross the Hong Kong border since 1949, when the present Government was inaugurated.

Mr. Attlee, answering a speech of welcome at Kowloon, mainland part of the British colony, said, "We had a most memorable visit to China in which we made many friends." He hoped that the visit would lead to greater understanding between China and Britain and would help in the preservation of world peace.

Mr. Attlee, who leads the delegation, is to meet his wife in Singapore and will then visit Australia and New Zealand. All the others are to fly to Japan, where Japanese Socialists are preparing a big welcome for them.

Nasser Reshuffles Egyptian Cabinet

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuter).—Egypt's Prime Minister, Colonel Gamal Abdul Nasser, reshuffled his Cabinet today to make Wing Commander Gamal Salem his Deputy Prime Minister.

(Wing Commander Salem was involved last week in a quarrel with his brother, Major Saleh Salem, Minister of National Guidance, for the latter's handling of the recent talks with Iraq, asserting that the results had angered King Saud of Saudi Arabia, Egypt's chief ally. This had resulted in a series of urgent showdown talks between Premier Nasser and his subordinates.)

Major-General Abdul Hakim Amr becomes Minister of War in addition to his post of Commander in Chief of the armed forces. Lieutenant-Colonel Anwar Sadat, member of the Revolution Command Council, Secretary of the Islamic Conference and editor of the Government mouthpiece, "Al Gomhouria," was made Minister of State.

The reshuffle follows the resignation of Dr. Abdul Hamid Sherif, Minister of Finance, and Dr. Mohammed Awad Mohammed, Minister of Education. They are replaced by Dr. Abdel Muneim el Kaissouny, as Minister of Finance, and Major Kamal e-din Hussein, as Minister of Education.

Lieutenant - Colonel Hussein, Minister of War in the old Cabinet takes over as Minister of Social Affairs from Major Hussein.

Dr. Fathi Ardwan who was Minister of State, becomes Minister of Communications in place of Wing Commander Gamal Salem, the new Deputy Prime Minister.

Major Salah Salem retains the Ministry of National Guidance and all other Ministers retain their portfolios.

SALEM TO JORDAN

Mr. Aumi Abdul Hadi, Jordan Minister to Egypt, arrived in Amman yesterday to prepare for the visit today of Major Salah Salem, who will be accompanied by an 18-man staff of advisers and Army representatives, according to the Arab News Agency.

The Egyptian delegation is scheduled to visit the Old City and the armistice lines tomorrow. On Sunday they will hold talks with King Hussein and with the Foreign and Defence Ministers. The Egyptian delegates will return to Cairo on Monday.

ARMY OF "500,000"

A Government spokesman said in Cairo on Tuesday night that Egypt could recruit 500,000 soldiers within one year following the supply of arms by Britain and the U.S., and the training of Egyptian officers in those countries, the Arab News Agency reported yesterday.

The statement was made following military and economic talks held between Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi and U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery.

CZECH ENVOY TO CAIRO

VIENNA, Wednesday (UP). — Czechoslovakian President Antonin Zapotocky has appointed Dr. N. Karpisek as new Minister to Egypt and Ethiopia, "Rude Pravo," official Czech Communist Party organ, reported today.

Malik Discusses US Arms Aid to Arabs

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (INA). — The question of U.S. arms grants to the Arab League military forces was discussed among other topics in an 80-minute conversation yesterday involving Lebanese Ambassador Charles Malik and State Department officials, including Deputy Secretary of State John D. Jernigan.

The matters discussed will be further reviewed on a higher level tomorrow. Malik will leave for Beirut to consult with his Government and leaders of the Arab League.

It was understood that the meetings deal with State Department plans to extend to other Arab League states the type of arms arrangement negotiated with Iraq and now under discussion with Egypt.

Meanwhile, the New York "Daily News" attributed to a "reliably informed" source reports that Egypt had refused the offer of U.S. military aid. Egypt, it was said, had objected to the clause that this aid is conditioned upon her not using it against "any free nation" — because that would mean Israel — and to a U.S. military mission. It had claimed that Egyptians would object to such a mission on the basis of their experience with British troops.

The Egyptians instead suggested sending a military mission for training to the U.S. But Egypt had agreed to receive American economic aid, it was reported.

Floating Dock Leaves Hamburg for Haifa

HAMBURG, Wednesday (INA). — Israel's only floating dock, first craft built in Germany under the Reparations programme, left for Haifa today after having satisfactorily completed deep sea tests in the vicinity of the shipyard where it was launched five weeks ago.

The clumsy 7,500-ton sea-going repair installation, 520 feet long and 100 wide, faces a difficult and slow voyage by way of the English Channel, the Bay of Biscay and the Straits of Gibraltar, being towed by two Dutch tugs from towlines 300 feet long. All three crafts are inter-connected by radio.

Aboard the dry dock are eight Dutch crew members and three Israel technicians who studied its operations at the shipyard for several months. The dock, rated one of the most modern produced in Europe, will repair ships up to 18,000 tons.

SPEED-UP DEMANDED IN N. AFRICA ALIYA

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The 30,000 persons registered with Israel Offices in Algiers and Tunis for immigration to Israel should be taken out of Africa immediately and transferred to France, to wait there for onward transport, a meeting of new immigrants from North Africa voted here today. The meeting, held at Bet Hahalutsot here, was attended by some 40 representatives of North African Jewry now living in all parts of Israel.

Burns Assumes Office Today; Bennike Leaving

Major General E. L. M. Burns will assume responsibility today as Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization in succession to Major-General Vagn Bennike, it was learned from diplomatic sources. General Bennike leaves Jerusalem tomorrow for New York, to report to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Israel-Jordan M.A.C. is scheduled to meet in emergency session this morning to discuss a Jordan complaint that an Israel unit had assaulted a group of Arab Legionnaires near the Hebron village of Khirbet Beir Assal, on Sunday. The Israel soldiers allegedly killed one Legionnaire and wounded three. Another version of this clash, involving National Guardsmen, was circulated by the ANA after the incident. The Israel delegates to the M.A.C. will not attend this session.

Burns

Bennike

General Bennike was given a farewell luncheon yesterday by the Israel delegates to the Israel-Jordan M.A.C., and he will be the guest of the Jordan delegates today in the Old City. The T.S.O. staff held a farewell reception for the General on Friday. It seems probable that he will return to Jerusalem to arrange his private affairs before leaving finally for his home in Denmark.

Shell Strike Drying Up Fuel Supply

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The strike of more than 250 Shell Company employees, called by the Labour Council on Monday, is developing into an unpopular affair as the 44 Shell stations throughout the country are running out of fuel.

Many of the 120 Shell clerks, especially in the higher grades, appear to be as dissatisfied with the strike as the harassed motorists who are finding it hard to fill up their tanks.

It now appears clear that, in effect, the Company's refusal to agree to deduct 2% from the wages of unorganized workers in favour of the Labour Exchange without the workers' agreement, is the only gap still separating the two sides from signing the labour contract.

The Shell clerks stated today that they enjoy a 36-hour week, good conditions, and receive aid for education, and that war invalids employed by the company were afforded excellent treatment. The Company declined a Labour Council offer to allow workers to continue supplying fuel to the Delek National Fuel Company. It would not renew the supply until the strike was settled. The Shell employees also stated that they would be unwilling to supply Delek.

It was learned that the strike was discussed by an inter-ministerial committee today, while a Shell representative met the Labour Minister, Mrs. Golda Myerson.

Kefauver May Come For One-Day Visit

Senator and Mrs. Estes Kefauver are expected to arrive here by air tomorrow for an unofficial one-day visit.

They are returning to the U.S. from Vienna, where Senator Kefauver attended meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference. They will also make brief stop-overs in Istanbul, Cyprus, Athens, Rome and Madrid.

Kefauver

Mr. Kefauver, Democratic member of the U.S. Congress since 1939, is from Tennessee. In 1952, he was a front-running but unsuccessful candidate for the presidential nomination on the Democratic ticket.

He is now a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and of the Committee on the Judiciary. Early last month he was nominated to a second term in the Senate in the Democratic primary election of Tennessee.

Senator Kefauver won nation-wide acclaim as chairman of the Senate Crime Investigating Committee. He became a familiar figure in the Press and on television wearing a beaver hat.

2 KILLED IN TUNISIA

TUNIS, Wednesday (U!). — Police fought a pitched battle with a Fellagha (nationalist) band yesterday at Jebel ben Younes, west of Gafsa, and two of the terrorists were killed.

There were no losses among the police, the authorities said.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Guatemalan junta which assumed control after the overthrow of President Jacobo Arbenz has been dissolved, it was announced in Guatemala City last night. Colonel Castillo Armas is to remain at the head of the Government.

Le'Ahdut Ha'Avodah Holds 1st Convention

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — At the first meeting of Le'Ahdut Ha'Avoda and Poalei Zion leaders from all over the country, Mr. I. Ben Aharon and Mr. Y. Zerubavel said tonight that the new party would continue to fight for the ideals it held before it merged with Hashomer Hatzair into Mapam six years ago, namely: Socialist Zionism, free of subservience, but steadfast in support of the progressive world.

The meeting will continue tomorrow in closed session. The official foundation conference will be held after some delay, Mr. Y. Wosczyna told the convention, in order to give time to the new party to organise itself.

3 Main Currents

Mr. Ben Aharon stated that there were three main currents of thought within Israel Labour, as exemplified by Le'Ahdut Ha'Avoda, Hashomer Hatzair and Mapai. The time is not ripe at present to force a decision between them, but the three currents should cooperate politically as they did in the Histadrut. Le'Ahdut Ha'Avoda, he declared, would strive to ensure security by punishing the culprits "within or outside the limits of this country", but not by waging a preventive war; nor was he prepared to accept the trends outlined by the Prime Minister in the Knesset today.

The party would fight against the reduction of the standard of living among workers, but not in order to ensure an easy life for individuals.

Mr. Zerubavel said that the split from Mapam was inevitable, because Hashomer Hatzair had silenced all expression of Jewish Socialist thinking, awaiting a green light from without before permitting any declaration of opinion.

49 KILLED AS STORM SWEEPS EASTERN US

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — At least 49 persons lost their lives in the hurricane which swept up the eastern coast of North America from Florida to reach Quebec, Canada, last night. The Miami weather bureau said that another would develop in about a day.

The hurricane swept over New York to cripple transport and fell powerlines, while radio and television masts were sent crashing. Torrential rains and winds caused millions of dollars worth of damage, and many homes were smashed to kindling. Hundreds of yachts were splintered after breaking from their moorings.

In Montreal, Canada, streets were flooded, trees toppled, and traffic and communications were disrupted. Both Montreal and Quebec have reported heavy damage.

Earlier, the historic old North Church lost its steeple in Boston yesterday as gusty winds swept through that city. It was in this steeple that American revolutionists in 1775 hung lanterns to alert Paul Revere to gallop through the countryside, warning of the approach of British troops.

VIETMINH TO RELEASE DE CASTRIES TODAY

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). General de Castries, French Commander at Dien Bien Phu, captured by the Vietminh, will be handed over to the French authorities tomorrow, Peking's New China News Agency reported tonight.

Knesset Approves Foreign Policy by Large Majority

Sharett Replies to Debate

This debate had revealed, said the Prime Minister, in a very clear and ample measure, the unity of reaction to a policy which we must fight, a unity of perception of the danger and of the comprehension that we must stand united before it. There were, however, wide differences.

Mr. Sharett stated, in the methods suggested for our immediate action, in the tactics we should adopt and even in the principles on which we should base our foreign policy at this grave juncture.

Some members seem to have proceeded on the assumption that our entire political background had been transformed and that on the fabula rasa of the new situation we could write a new policy at will. This was not so. There were facts in the international situation which stood fast and continued to dominate our policy.

In an exchange with Dr. Moshe Sneh of the Left Socialists, the Prime Minister pointed out that we are very interested in friendship with every nation, particularly the great nations who exercise a commanding influence in world affairs. This certainly applies to Russia. But we should like to see some reciprocity—as we understand the word. Was it not our desire to seek her friendship which had led us to renew diplomatic relations with her?

The Prime Minister then asked whether there could be true friendship with the Soviet Union when such an unbridgable chasm separated Israel from the Jewry there. Russia has an immeasurable asset at hand in this connection by which she could enhance or strengthen our friendship beyond bounds, but she has not chosen to use it.

Cities Figures

The Prime Minister then cited figures indicating the willingness of Israel to trade with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and showing the recent rising curve in trade with those areas. "But what of it, he asked. Was there anything in that increasing volume of trade with the USSR, which might help solve the problem with which Israel had now to grapple as a result of American policy?

He then dealt with the slogan thrown out by Mr. Ben Aharon (Le'Ahdut Ha'Avoda) that we should renounce the United States' grant-in-aid. This grant, the Prime Minister explained, was given to us by the American Congress. We are fighting policies and not peoples. Our struggle is carried on between administration and administration and by means of a campaign of enlightenment among peoples against their government's policy. This is a course of action possible only in a free world. The renunciation of the grant on our initiative would be a hostile act liable to hinder and not to assist our efforts.

The Prime Minister then castigated as fantastic and irresponsible Mr. Begin's suggestion that we destroy bases of Arab aggression piecemeal.

He granted that the Armistice Agreements were deteriorating. He would not repeat his previous statements on this subject. He only paused to ask whether we on our part were interested in the maintenance of the Agreements in order to continue our work and build up our strength or were we to let things disintegrate into bloody strife and international complications, the end of which no one could predict.

Mr. Ben Aharon had called for freedom of action with regard to the Armistice Agreements. What did this mean? That we should repudiate them? That we should by our own action tear down the dam and be responsible for the subsequent flood, military as well as political? It seemed preferable to him, opined the Prime Minister, that we should warn our neighbours against adventures which might prove more dangerous to them than to us.

"Our warning to the neighbouring peoples remains in full force. It was repeated in my opening speech and in this debate. It applies to every attempt to attack us and to every attempt to bring about any change in the geopolitical composition of the area which might constitute a potential or actual threat to us.

"I think it is sufficient," affirmed Mr. Sharett, "to content ourselves with a general expression of warning. We do not have to go into meticulous detail as to what we shall do." The Arabs pay careful attention to our warnings, the Prime Minister stated, because they remember well what happened quite recently. Even if they should receive multiple reinforcement, they know very well the advantages this country enjoys from the strategic, tactical viewpoint, in the quality of manpower, in internal unity, technical and scientific superiority, and the like.

Changing Scene

We have also to take into consideration, the Prime Minister continued, that the changes and transformations, the realignments and splittings apart which continue to happen round about us may also bring about new orientations and attitudes all of which need not necessarily be to our disadvantage. We have to be ever alert for every move and development either for good or evil. Our arm must be equally ready at all times and seasons for the sword stab of enmity or the hand-clasp of peace. "Did not the Egyptian Prime Minister say some time ago—his words were published very recently—to the American people: 'Do not extend aid to us on any condition relating to Israel.' And he added: 'This is a problem we shall solve for ourselves'."

What did he mean by this expression: 'We shall solve for ourselves?' asked Mr. Sharett. That he will do it by a new adventure involving the use of force? An act of aggression and invasion? Or direct negotiations for peace? If Egypt intends peace we are ready to meet her. If she wants war, we are ready to meet her. It must be crystal clear, the Prime Minister emphasized, that while we stand ready for war if forced upon us, our aim is peace.

"Our difference with the Powers is grievous and serious," explained Mr. Sharett, "just because they were unwittingly encouraging aggression in practice, while preaching peace by word of mouth. If this was not the case let it be proved by deeds—this is, by the creation of specific facts and by refraining from the creation of specific facts. We shall be the judge of results.

Lessons of History

"Let them not treat lightly," said the Prime Minister, "the warning of a people which is small, but ancient. History shows how many of the warnings of this people have been proven true to our sorrow and to that of other nations. Neither let them treat lightly the power of endurance of this small people once having firm root anew in its land.

"Peace and security will not be established in this area without us or at our expense. No structure set up around us in the Middle East on the assumption that we ourselves do not exist and which must of necessity serve as a conveying base for aggression against us, will be able to hold out.

"The roots of this people are planted in the soil of its own land and the land itself is rooted in the soul of its people. This is a source of mighty power which many in the world today have apparently not yet been able to assess at its full strength."

Our policy, the Prime Minister concluded, was persistence in opposition to the present policy of the powers by wise and effective planning; a renewed and increased effort of enlightening public opinion in the free world; the strengthening of every existing friendship and the search for new ones; incessant efforts to strengthen our position and buttress our security by the people dwelling in Israel with the help of Jewry throughout the world."

US, UK Arms Aid To Arabs Scored

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday, by a vote of 54 to nine and with seven abstentions, accepted the foreign policy statement of the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, and declared that "Israel will not reconcile herself" to the policy of the U.S. and Britain with regard to the arming of the Arab states and ignoring Israel's security problem.

The vote was taken after Mr. Sharett had replied to the debate in a half-hour address, and after the Knesset had voted down, by overwhelming majorities, four separate resolutions presented by Mapam, Herut, Le'Ahdut Avoda-Poale Zion, and Communists-Left Socialists.

The negative votes on the Coalition resolution were cast by Mapam, the Communists and the Left Socialists, while Herut and Mr. M. Erem (Le'Ahdut Avoda-Poale Zion) abstained.

The four Opposition resolutions were all quite lengthy, and each received only the votes of the faction itself. The Mapam statement proposed that Israel should adopt a neutral position in the international arena, and should join no military alliances. The Le'Ahdut Avoda-Poale Zion resolution called upon the Government to take immediate steps to free Israel's economy and political policy from "dependence on foreign countries." The Herut resolution stressed the need for strengthening the Army, and called upon the Government to demand, in international bodies, the reunification of Eretz Yisrael.

Text of Resolution

The resolution adopted reads as follows:

"The Knesset expresses its deep concern about the policy of arming the Arab states pursued by the United States and Great Britain, while these States continue to threaten the existence and peace of Israel, and in light of the disregard of Israel's security problems and the requirements of stability and peace in the Middle East in the agreement on the evacuation of the Suez Canal Zone.

"The Knesset proclaims that the State of Israel will not reconcile itself to this tendency.

"The Knesset, after having heard the statement of the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, supports the Government in its efforts to prevent the supply of arms to the Arab states and the upsetting of the balance of military strength, which is leading to the undermining of the security situation in the area.

"The Knesset proclaims the urgent need for special measures to increase Israel's defensive power.

"The Knesset expresses its confidence that the masses of the Jewish people throughout the world will support the State of Israel in the struggle which has been forced upon it and in its efforts to strengthen its security.

"The Knesset instructs the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee conclude the discussion of the problem and submit its recommendations to the Government.

Last 2 Speakers

Prior to the Prime Minister's summation, the Knesset heard the last two speakers in the debate — Sheikh Jaber Mo'adi of the Mapai-affiliated Israel Arab Democrats, and Benjamin Mintz of Poale Agudat Yisrael.

Sheikh Jaber, a Druse asked the Arab masses to force their leaders to have enough courage to make peace with Israel. He urged the U.N. to make a greater effort for a real peace between Israel and the Arab States. It is only Arab hatred for Israel that is preventing them from attending to their own domestic affairs and raising the living standard of the Arab masses. (Prime Minister Sharett, in his summing up, praised Sheikh Jaber's remarks).

Mr. Mintz declared that we must warn America—the warning of loyal friends—that no State and no regime which based its calculations on the destruction of the Jews had ever succeeded. He asserted that if Israel was to be simply "another Albania on the Mediterranean" there was no justification for her existence. The world expected to hear an echo of the Prophets from modern Israel, but until now we had disappointed it.

No Settlement In Bus Coops Dispute

The negotiations between the Ministries of Finance and Communications, on the one hand, and the Bus Cooperatives, on the other, have not been concluded, Mr. P. Sapir, Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, told a press conference yesterday.

Denying a report that an agreement had been reached at a meeting between Mr. Razily, Mr. Gorek and himself, Mr. Sapir stated emphatically that no such meeting had taken place on Tuesday. The Government, however, had made certain suggestions to the Cooperatives which did not, as some reports had claimed, give them more than they had asked.

The Government had not agreed to a rise in the fares but had offered to pay back the increase in the price of fuel retroactively to the end of May.

The Ministries had also favoured the setting-up of a commission of inquiry into all problems of transport, to produce recommendations within four or five months. They had replied to the demand of the Cooperatives that they be given reductions in the price of Chairmon buses, that the Ministries were prepared to consider the matter but not under a strike threat.

Two Men Drown

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Ahmed Ibrahim Muhmad Azzam, 18, of Nazareth, drowned while bathing with his friends off Kfar Habonim, south of Zikhron Ya'acov, at 5 p.m. yesterday. Police are searching for the body.

The body of a man of about 60, was washed up last night on the beach opposite Gan Ha'armaut in Tel Aviv. No identifying documents were found.

At the time of his death he was wearing dark trousers, a checked shirt and brown shoes. A IL.5 note was found in a pocket. The body was taken to the Tel Hashomer Hospital.

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Social & Personal

President Ben-Zvi received the Prime Minister Mr. Moshe Sharett and the Minister without Portfolio Mr. E. Aranne yesterday. The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi received the Directors-General of the Ministries of Posts, Interior, Labour, Health and Justice and their wives, at luncheon on Tuesday. The President also received a delegation of the Mizrahi Women's Organisation, "Omer," headed by Mrs. Herzog. Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvi held a reception for Professor Joseph Klausner on the occasion of his 80th birthday on August 31. Yesterday, Mrs. Ben-Zvi visited the Israel Goldstein Youth Farm in Katamon, Jerusalem.

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Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi has agreed to serve on the Committee of the Hebrew Language Campaign. In an interview with the Director of the Campaign, Mr. Y. Shaked, Mrs. Ben-Zvi expressed the view that the Campaign would be of great social benefit to the nation, and offered the facilities of Beit Hanassi to aid the Campaign.

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The Prime Minister gave a tea yesterday for Mr. Andrew Sordoni, Secretary of Commerce of the State of Pennsylvania. Present were Mr. Harry Zinder, Head of the Government Press Division, Mr. Julius Jarcho, of Materials for Israel, and Mr. Paul Kollek. Mr. Sordoni lunched with the Jerusalem Rotary Club.

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Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, visited the Institute for Fibres and Wood Products in Jerusalem on Tuesday. Mr. Eshkol was shown its laboratories, and was told of industrial research and services performed by the Institute.

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Dr. M. Prywes, Assistant Dean of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, has left on a Work, Health Organization fellowship in medical education for a study tour of American and Canadian medical schools. During Dr. Prywes' absence Dr. F. Dreyfuss, Lecturer in Internal Medicine, will serve as Acting Assistant Dean.

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The American travelling Seminar, who are on a short visit in Israel, were the guests at a reception at the home of Mrs. Hanan Yarden on Tuesday evening. The Seminar consists of 12 important church leaders travelling under the leadership of Dr. Emory Ross, Secretary of Foreign Missions Division of the National Council of Churches.

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Mr. Moshe Ish-Shalom, graduate of the faculty of Chemical Engineering at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, has been awarded the Physical Chemistry Scholarship offered by the University of Cincinnati. Upon completion of one year of study at this University, Mr. Ish-Shalom will return to the Technion to take up a position with the academic staff.

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ARRIVALS: Dr. S. Yeivin, Director of the Government's Department of Antiquities, returning from the Congress of Orientalists in London, and Mr. Y. Dean, British engineer, to supervise the installation of machinery at the Hayout flour mill in Tel Aviv (El Al); Mr. A. Hirshberg, Director of the Information Department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in the s.s. Kadesh on Tuesday from a two-week visit to Turkey; Mrs. Hasaya Levy-Agron, Head of the Dancing Department of the New Jerusalem Conservatoire and Academy of Music, from a visit to France, Britain and Italy, where she gave television performances; Mr. Morris S. Gershbaum, President of the Judea Development Corporation, the economic corporation of Hapoel Hamizrahi of America; Mr. Nahum Lifschis, Chairman of the Jerusalem Manufacturers Association, from the U.S.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. A. Hameiri, Deputy Manager of LAI in Israel, for leave in Italy (by LAI); Dr. Y. Amiran, of the Hebrew University, on a six-month study visit to Turkey in connection with research being carried out there by the International Geographical Union attached to U.N.E.S.C.O.; and Dr. Walford Gibson, of Stanford University, California, after two weeks of research into local economic matters for the USOM in Israel (by Cyprus Airways); Mr. Haim Dagan, an Educational Adviser with the Youth Bureau of the Ministry of Education, for the U.S. to begin a six-month study in the field of Educational Administration and Supervision (by TWA).

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Mrs. Sonja Friedman of Haifa has returned from New York and Paris, where she studied the latest creations in hair styles and hair cutting.

LEON SEGAL DIES IN CAPE TOWN

The death is reported from Cape Town of Leon Segal, a leading Zionist worker and member of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies. He died of a heart attack last week at the age of 57.

Mr. Segal had made heavy investments in Israel enterprises, including the Sharon Hotel, and visited this country every year. His widow, Mrs. Mary Segal, is a leading member of Wizo in South Africa and their son is a pilot in the Israel Air Force.

Mr. Segal was born in Bialystok and went to South Africa when he was nine years old.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 2.30, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.

ARMON: The Light Touch.
EDEN: Rogue's Match.
EDISON: Encore.
ORZIL: Give us this Day 2nd week
ORION: From Here to Eternity, 4th week.
ORNA: The Strissed.
STUDIO: Beware of Fifty, 2nd week
ZION: L'Appel du Destin.
TEL OR: Affair with a Stranger, 2nd week

LAW REPORT

THE JERUSALEM POST

September 2, 1954

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Criminal Appeal
Before: Justices Olshan (President), Goitein, Berenson.
Avraham Gani, Appellant v. The Attorney-General, Respondent.
(Cr. A. 71/54).

VERDICT ON ILLEGAL MEAT SALE UPHELD

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a verdict of the Haifa District Court sitting as a Court of Appeal (Cr. A. 254/52 of February 24, 1954).

The appellant, Avraham Gani, was found guilty by the Haifa Magistrate's Court in August 1951, on three counts of selling lamb's meat in his restaurant for more than the controlled price and on two counts of selling meat on a meatless day. He appealed against this verdict to the Haifa District Court which after confirmaing the findings of the Magistrate in all the counts except one of selling meat on a meatless day, reduced the sentence imposed from IL.600 fine to IL.350 fine.

The appellant thereupon appealed to the Supreme Court, before which he was represented by Mr. Tsherniak. The judgment of the Supreme Court was delivered by Justice Goitein, Justices Olshan and Berenson concurring.

Supreme Court Judgment

Justice Goitein dealt only with the two main arguments proferred by Counsel for the appellant: 1. That there was no prohibition against selling lamb's meat in a Grade 3 establishment (such as the appellant's) at a reasonable price, since the order laying down the fixed prices as published in Reshumot, did not specify a price for this particular kind of meat in an establishment of this particular class. 2. That since the order prohibiting the sale of meat on certain days was published not in Reshumot but in a daily newspaper, it did not fulfil the requirements of the laws and was therefore invalid.

In replying to Mr. Tshernisk's first argument, Justice Goitein examined the terms of the Hotels and Restaurants (Batei Ha-araha) Order, 1949 and the lay-out of the addendum to the order as published in "Ha'aretz," holding that there were no grounds for the contention that it was possible to interpret the Order as laying down no restrictions, other than that of reasonability, on the price of lamb's meat in a Grade 3 establishment.

Justice Goitein disagreed also with Mr. Tshernisk's argument that, unless the Order were interpreted as he considered it ought to be interpreted, then it would be seen to contain a number of absurdities, maintaining that one of the examples given by Mr. Tshernisk — the fact that the King David Hotel would not be able to serve *falafel* if the order were not interpreted according to his intention — was not in the least absurd.

Turning to the appellant's second ground of appeal, Justice Goitein reduced the arguments to one main point: that, according to the precedent laid down in H.C. 220/51 (the Rabbasia case) the proper authorities should have published an Order prohibiting the sale of meat on certain days in Reshumot and not only in a daily newspaper. In dispelling with Mr. Tshernisk's interpretation of the amendment to Section 10 of the Law and Administration Ordinance which was introduced as a result of the above case, Justice Goitein pointed out that this amendment had been introduced in order to give retroactive validity to all Orders which had not been correctly published as from May 15, 1948, and that it was not the intention of the Knesset to deny retroactive validity to actions based on an incorrectly published Order which were carried out before the publication of the amendment.

The Supreme Court held, therefore, that the District Court had been correct in its judgment and dismissed the appeal.

As regards the severity of the sentence, the Court held that, contrary to Mr. Tshernisk's contention, the Magistrate's Court in considering what sentence to impose had been justified in taking into account the fact that the appellant had sold meat allocated to his wife on account of her pregnancy, refusing to mitigate the fine.

Judgment given on August 25, 1954.

For the Appellant: Mr. G. Tshernisk.

For the Respondent: The State Attorney, Mr. C. Gluckman.

US JURISTS STUDY ISRAEL LAW

Israel's laws are studied with much interest in American legal circles in the framework of comparative law which has recently developed there, the Reliewing President of the Jerusalem District Court, Mr. Henry Baker, said on Monday in reporting on his recent tour of the U.S.

Judge Baker, whose trip had been arranged by the State Department under the "Grant for Foreign Leaders" programme, visited courts, jurists, and law faculties, and served as a "guest judge" in several courts.

The judge lauded the flexible punitive system in the U.S. which enables a judge to leave to a committee the setting of an exact prison term. The Israel system of selecting judges was praised by many American legal minds who criticised the system of electing judges which is practised in many states.

Mr. Baker noted that anti-Israel propaganda was carried on in law schools by Arab students.

UK 'Must Prepare' For 'Full-scale War'

GLASGO Wednesday (Reuter). — Mr. J.R.H. Hutchison, Under-Secretary of State for War, said here today that, confronted with the immense military strength of Russia and her satellites, Britain "must clearly make provision for a full-scale war."

Speaking at a businessmen's luncheon, he said that in the present international situation there was "little prospect of materially reducing either national service or taxation."

REPRESENTATION IN ITALY, PHILIPPINES

The Consulates of Israel in Milan and Manila have been raised to Consulates-General. Mr. Astorre Mayer, honorary Consul of Israel in Milan, has been appointed Consul-General ad honorem; and Mr. Ernest Simke, Honorary Consul in Manila, Consul-General ad honorem.

'N.Y. Times' Endorses Arms Sales to Egypt

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — "The New York Times" said today that the British were right to lift their embargo on the sale of arms to Egypt. The newspaper stated in a leading article that it merely put Egypt back on the same plane with the other Arab states and Israel.

The U.S. is also justified in having offered Cairo a military aid agreement after signing one last April with Iraq. Yet in helping these countries, "we are causing uneasiness in Israel," the newspaper added. It said that to have treated Egypt as if nothing had changed in the past two years would have been quite wrong.

From the Western viewpoint there has been a remarkable and happy change in Egyptian affairs, and the Government under Premier Nasser and President Nagib is "the most promissing that has come up in decades," the newspaper continued. The unhappy fact was that so long as Israel and the Arab States hated and feared each other there could be no real peace in the Middle East and no firm defence against the Soviet threat.

Cypriot Turks To Consult with Ankara

By IRIS K. RUSSELL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Wednesday.—A three-man delegation representing 100,000 Turks in Cyprus has left for Ankara to discuss safeguards which the Turkish Government will request of Britain to be included in the proposed constitution for Cyprus. The delegation will later proceed to London and present proposals to the British government.

Cyprus Turks have already accepted in principle the constitution for Cyprus provided there are 100 per cent safeguards for the Turkish minority. Cypriot Greeks have rejected "any form of constitution" and demand unconditional Enosis (union with Greece.)

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 33.3, 41.9 & 822 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 4.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Morning Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. Programme for Factory Workers (Haifa). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 13.50 Requests (R). 1.50 Songs (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. "This and That" (R) 4.30 Light Music (T.A.) 4.50 Where to Go (Jerusalem). 5.00 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.30 Child's Corner. 7.00 Concert Hall: Variations on a Theme by Haydn (Brahms). 7.30 Galei Tahal Programme. 8.00 Press Conference. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Knesset and its Committees. 9.15 Works by Beethoven. 9.45 Variety Programme. 10.15 Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger, Soloist: Dalia Gothelf: Works by Bizet, Donizetti, Verdi & Ben-Haim. 10.45 Night Music. 11.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
463, 298, 224, 41.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 3.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 34.9 & 822 M.): 7.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. French: 7.30 p.m. Ladino: 6.00 p.m. Yiddish: 8.45 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA: (33.3 M.): 12 midnight News. Newsreel 00.30 Songs of the Old Country.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 212, 250 & 395 M.): 4.30 Opening. 4.35 Phantasy. 7.00 Songs. 7.30 Among the Flags 8.00 Music. 8.30 News. 8.45 Classical Requests Programme: Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 (Bach); Piano Concerto (Mozart). 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (24.60, 24.92, 30.52 & 30.80 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News. News Talk. Week's Feature.

VOICE OF AMERICA: English Broadcasts: (16.9, 19.6, 31.4 M.): 8.00-8.30 p.m. Repeated at 5.00-5.30 p.m. on 25.4 & 31.7 M.

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Kedmah To Come Again

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday.—The former s.s. Kedmah, flag ship of the Israel passenger fleet until it was sold to Britain, is to call at Haifa next week to bring North African immigrants, Shoham announced here today. She will come again on September 21, bringing 500 persons each time.

Some 1,900 immigrants from North Africa are due here during September. Because of the increase in tourist traffic before the High Holidays, the s.s. Artza and Negbah, which will each sail between Haifa and Marseilles twice during September, will be unable to cope with the traffic. The s.s. Jerusalem is now in New York, and not due back before September 23.

At present, the "Golden Isle", as the Kedmah is now called, sails between West Mediterranean ports.

Youth Hostels For Ma'agan, Sdom

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Kibbutz Ma'agan, scene of the air crash which killed 17 persons last July 24, has begun building a youth hostel on the shores of Lake Kinneret, close to the scene of the disaster.

The hostel dedicated to Zvi Rabinovitz, one of the wartime parachutists commemorated at the ill-fated Ma'agan ceremony, will be maintained by the Ministry of Education Youth Department, which already has seven hostels in its care.

A new type of hostel is nearing its final stage of completion on the Dead Sea shore near S'dom. With room for 150 visitors, it will accommodate groups of school children while they study the problems of this region. The Ministry of Development, in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour, is putting up two large prefabs, four huts, a kitchen and store. One of the buildings will be made of salt-blocks hewn from S'dom's salt mountain, and will contain a memorial to those who fell in this area during the War of Liberation.

The hostel is in memory of Avinoam Grossman, son of the writer, Reuven Grossman. Another project enshrining the memory of a fallen comrade is in progress at Hahotrim fishing village, south of Haifa. The kibbutz has started work on a hostel in the name of Zvi Ben Ya'acov, one of their members.

LODZ JEWRY REMEMBERS

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A meeting commemorating the 10th anniversary of the liquidation of the Jewish community of Lodz, Poland, was held at ZOA House here last night. It was addressed by Mr. Yitzhak Gruenbaum and Mr. Z. Shtrauch, Chairman of the Organization of Immigrants from Lodz.

Almost the entire Jewish population of Lodz, some 200,000 souls, perished during the German occupation.

Bond Drive Leaders At Jordan River

The National Israel Bond Delegation dined at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv last night with Dr. J. Herzog, Acting Head of the American Desk in the Foreign Ministry. During the day, they inspected the Jordan Diversion at the Bnot Ya'acov Bridge and toured Nazareth and the Emek.

Members of the New York Israel Bond Delegation, which is also touring the country, were the guests to dinner last night of the Governor-Designate of the Bank of Israel, Mr. David Horowitz, at the Dan Hotel. Mr. S. Hoofien, Dr. E. Lehmann, Mr. S. Bejarano, M.K., Dr. E. Vitkon, Mr. M. Namir, M.K., Mr. Akiva Govrin, M.K., Dr. Heinz Gruenbaum and Mr. Leo Krown attended.

Earlier, the New York group visited the Yuval Gad Pipe Factory, and the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot.

Hoopsters Practising For Brazil Games

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Twenty-seven of Israel's best basketball players are now training intensively on the Hapoel grounds here in preparation for the world championship which is to open in Brazil at the end of October. By the week-end 17 players are to be chosen, of whom 14 will eventually make the trip.

The Israel Sports Federation has accepted an invitation to play some of the best French teams in Morocco at the end of the year.

THE FIRST TENANTS of the 16 Popular Housing Project flats in Safad moved into their new homes yesterday.

Wine Queen Off to US

Miss Ziva Shapir, recently selected Israel Wine Queen, shown at Lydda Airport yesterday, prior to her departure for the U.S. where she will tour the country to spur interest in Israel wines. En route to the U.S., Miss Shapir will spend several days in Italy. Mr. J. Calin, Israel Director for LAI, is presenting her with a bouquet. Looking on is Italy's Minister to Israel, Benedetto Capomazza, marchese di Campolattaro, who also left. The U.S. tour is being sponsored by Carmel Wine which markets Israel wine in America.

Egypt Seeks Financial Backing from Britain

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Wednesday. — The provision of additional sterling credits to Egypt is expected to be the main subject of the Egyptian Finance Minister's talks with Treasury officials here. Pending Dr. Hamid Sherfi's arrival, financial commentators are busy establishing a balance sheet of Egypt's current position and her trade with Britain.

While a request for faster release of blocked sterling assets is expected, there is also a belief that Egypt would like to tap fresh supplies of funds. Under the 1951 agreement, sterling releases are fixed at a maximum of £15m. annually for ten years. But even if releases are speeded up, the Egyptian Government would probably want to obtain additional funds for its ambitious capital investment schemes, including the "high dam plan" for storing Nile waters south of Aswan.

This project was recently investigated by a group of French bankers and negotiations on similar lines are proceeding in Germany and other European countries.

The impression here is that Egypt would like to secure a revival of British investment parallel to these efforts to attract money from the Continent.

Short of granting Egypt an official loan, there are two ways in which this desire could be met and both are now understood to be under discussion here: The Treasury could relax in Egypt's favour the restrictions on the transfer of money from the London capital market to countries outside the sterling area, and it could use its influence to facilitate credits to British exporters interested in the shipment of capital investment goods to Egypt.

Presumably the Egyptians will ask for such facilities in addition to pressing for faster release of their balances.

The official atmosphere here seems to be cautiously friendly to such suggestions, if only because other countries might otherwise profit from the opportunity. It will probably be pointed out to the Egyptians that a firm pro-Western line and abstention from military adventures will help their cause, but presumably the Egyptian Government is already aware of this.

Job Going For A Dictator

A demand that Jordan follow the example of Egypt and Syria and establish a totalitarian regime "for at least five years," was made editorially in the current issue of the Jordan weekly, "A-Sareeh." The article said that parliamentary elections were a waste of money, claiming that the 60,000 dinars paid in salaries to Jordan M.P.'s had produced no benefit whatsoever for the country.

Israel Boxer in US Gets $75 a Fight

NEW YORK.—All is not gold that glitters for David Oved, of Haifa, who, after winning the Maccabiah featherweight boxing title last September, thought he would enter the ranks against the professional pugilists of America. Oved has collected $75 for each of his three fights to date, all of which he won, with training expenses and a 38.3 per cent managerial cut deducted.

What makes this set-up more peculiar is that Jimmy August, Oved's trainer, is being paid $50 per month for directing his training activities and attending to him in the ring. The $50 is being paid by Mr. Orenstein, who is sponsoring Oved's pugilistic tour.

We doubt very much whether any other untried foreign boxer to invade American shores has received a better deal than has Oved. His ring second, Sam Mosberg, who was the American boxing coach at the 4th World Maccabiah, paid the New York State Athletic Commission, $25 for the special privilege of working in Oved's corner between rounds. There is no better-conditioned fighter in the ring than the dutiful Oved, who knows the value and reward of good physical form. *B.A.*

THE TECHNICAL library of the Shlumim (Reparations) Corporation (11 Rehov Dalet, Kirya, Tel Aviv)) will be open weekdays (except Fridays) from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bob Morrison Quits Israel Sports Post

NEW YORK.—After six years of outstanding service as Executive Secretary of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, Bob Morrison has resigned to take over as Director of the Jewish Community Centre of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Reuven Dafni, Israel Consul to New York, was guest speaker at a party tendered in honour of Mr. Morrison. Other speakers included Messrs. Charles S. Greene, treasurer of the committee; Barney Ain, who served as administrative assistant of the team; Sam Mosberg, the American boxing coach; Julius Jarcho, of Materials for Israel, and Henry Nesselroth, an executive member of the World Maccabi Union, who presented a gift to Mr. Morrison on behalf of his organization. Congratulatory telegrams were read from Brutus Hamilton, who coached the American track and field team at the Maccabiah, and Daniel J. Ferris, National A.A.U. Secretary-Treasurer, who was in South America arranging international track and field events.

Mr. Morrison is succeeded in the post by Miss Sylvia Ansen, who has had much fund-raising experience. Other officers of the Committee remain the same: Colonel Harry Henshel, President; Charles S. Greene, Treasurer; S. Arthur Glixon, Counsel, Louis Kraft, Edward A. Norman, Charles I. Ornstein and David Richman, Vice-Chairmen and Barnay Ain, Secretary.

Starting Saturday, September 4, 1954, at the "ARMON" Theatre, Haifa.
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"Teva" Ord sh	100½
Nesher 6% Debs Ser A.	113½
6% Debs Ser B	134
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Nazareth to Get New Water Supply

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Government has allocated IL.250,000 from the Development Budget to Mekorot National Water Company for installing a pipe-line and reservoir in Nazareth, to solve the town's perennial water shortage.

The pipe-line will bring water from a group of abandoned wells outside Nazareth which belong to Mekorot. It will augment the present flow from Zippori.

According to a Ministry of Labour spokesman, work on the new system will begin within a few weeks. The "drought" in Nazareth has hampered the development of light industry, besides depriving households of water for half of each week. The local ice factory has been bringing its water from Afula every day.

The Nazareth Municipal Council has now begun functioning, following the approval last week by the District Representative of the Council's eight sub-committees. The finance, sanitation and administration sub-committees have already started weekly meetings to discuss the various projects on their agendas.

The sanitation sub-committee has decided that in future refuse will be collected by truck instead of by donkeys and mules. Members of the sub-committee are to visit Safad and other neighbouring Jewish towns to study the system of refuse removal there.

The Ministry of Interior has already advanced IL.3,000 to the Council on account of the forthcoming Government grant so that various projects can be started, and the Ministry of Labour has allocated 1,500 work days for unemployment relief projects this month.

The problem of land requisitioned from Nazareth residents for the projected regional Kiryat is expected to be resolved shortly. Over 80 per cent of the landlords are already negotiating with the authorities on compensation.

Notice to the Public

PAYMENT OF RURAL PROPERTY TAX

Property holders who are required to pay the Rural Property Tax are requested herewith to remit the Tax for 1954/55 until September 30, 1954. In the event of non-payment, a fine of 20% will be added to the amount due and legal steps will be taken against defaulters.

The tax may be paid by bank cheque through the Post Office Bank, or in Cash at the offices of the Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue and Property Tax.

A. AKAVIA
Director of Department of Collection and Earned Property Tax, Ministry of Finance.

STATE LOAN ADMINISTRATION
Drawing of War Loan (Bearer Bonds) — 1948-1950

The 23rd Drawing of the Popular Loan (Bearer Bonds) 1948-1950 will take place on Tuesday, September 7, 1954, at 10 a.m. at the "Ohel Shem" Hall, 30 Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv.

Entrance free.
The public is welcome.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions:—
Exhibit of the month: Pottery, watercolours by Paul Klee, display of three panels "Views of Old Jerusalem." National Museum Bezalel, 9-1, 3-6 p.m.
Paintings, Sculpture and Applied Art of Zahara, Louise, and Bezalel Schatz and gallery of Jerusalem Artists, Jerusalem Artists' House, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.
Department of Antiquities, Special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVIth centuries B.C.E.), 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, Open 9-1, 4-6.
★ Library:—
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-1, 3-6 p.m.
★ Tours:—
Hebrew University conducted tour, new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.
★ Film Shows:—
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.
★ Concert:—
Police orchestra under direction of Police Officer N. Gribov, Klausner Grove (near "Hayesmet"), Talpiot, between 8.30-7 p.m.
★ Theatres:—
Habimah, "The Dybbuk," Edison Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Entertainment:—
After the show at "Leviathan," Oriental Restaurant, 8 Allenby Rd., open till 3 a.m.
★ Exhibition:
Paintings by Mane Katz, also "Modern French Art" exhibition of colour reproductions, Museum, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.
★ Theatres:—
Chamber Theatre, Opening of the season, September 6, 1954.

RAMAT GAN

Theatre:—
Do-Re-Mi, "Silva, The Csardas Princess," Rama Hall, 8.30 p.m.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Bruchstein, Zion Cinema, 3274.
TEL AVIV: Altman, 1 King George, 5791, Gliad, 192 Dizengoff, 24294, Tlalejwics, 23 Hayarkon, 5656, Hakadi, 80 Ben Yehuda, 23359, Maccabi, New Maccabi Quarter, 67397.
JAFFA: Givat Aliya, 97 Rehov 4.
RAMAT GAN: Lifschitz, 19 Herzl.
GIVATAYIM: Mamaluke, Borochov Quarter.
HAIFA: Herzlia, 1 Herzlia, 4014, Hazor, German Colony, 4733.
KIRYAT BIALIK: Bialik, 7230

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. L. Romanov, 11 Arlosoroff, 61217, Dr. S. Greenwald, 8.30 Greek Colony, 62963, Dr. Y. Shor, 26 Rashi.
TEL AVIV: Dr. M. Shaham, 1 Syrkin 23842, Dr. N. L. Sacher, 165 Dizengoff, 24393, Dr. I. Griffel, 5 Ben Yehuda, 22436.
JAFFA: Dr. Alcalli, 66 Rehov 4.
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THE WEATHER

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Mt. Canaan	54	16	28	27
Tiberias	—	—	—	—
Haifa Port	83	26	29	29
Natanya	52	23	31	30
Tel Aviv North	63	22	31	31
Tel Aviv Port	62	24	28	28
Lydda Airport	54	20	31	31
Jerusalem	54	18	27	27
Beersheba	67	—	31	31
Eilat	57	27	37	37

°A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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1,600 IMMIGRANTS arrived during the month of August, according to the temporary figures of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department.

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CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION declined last week by IL.1,361,223 to IL.152,966,108 at the close of banking business last night. Foreign currency holdings dropped by IL.2,681,323 to IL.29,222,108, while Treasury Bills rose by IL.1,270,000 to IL.46,490,000.

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A PRESS CONFERENCE with the Israel Ambassador to the U.S., Mr. Abba Eban, will be broadcast over Kol Yisrael at 8 o'clock tonight. Mr. Eban will speak at a Vocal Newspaper at the Orion Cinema, Jerusalem, at 9 p.m. tomorrow. The editor will be Mr. Beri Coralnik.

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THE JERUSALEM Hotel, Cafe and Restaurant Owners Association has protested to Mayor Kariv against the Municipal by-law regarding the closing of public eating places during certain hours of the Sabbath and holidays.

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A POLICE STATION was opened in Kiryat Shmoneh, Upper Galilee, yesterday, marking a further stage in the development of the township, a former *ma'abara*. The Metulla police station has reverted to a police point.

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A TRUCK overturned on the Nirim-Mefalsim road in the Negev yesterday, severely injuring its driver, Mr. S. Mendel, 22, who was taken to Kaplan Hospital.

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ALL CANDIDATES who were accepted for participation in the Magen David Adom First Aid course should report at 8 a.m. today at the M.D.A. station in Jerusalem for the first lesson.

Histadrut Findings On Housing Scheme Spurned

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The Haifa Labour Council has decided to reject the finding of a committee appointed by the Histadrut authorities concerning the dispute between the veteran tenants of the Histadrut housing scheme in Kiryat Eliezer and the Histadrut Shikun Co., which is constructing a popular housing scheme near the ashkum.

The Council decided to appeal against the finding, which reprimanded the Council's order to Solel Boneh to stop work on the bulding because it deprived the veteran tenants of their light, air and view.

New Exchange Rate For Diamond Cutters

Diamond cutters will buy uncut gems at the new rate of IL.1,800 for $1 from today and will sell their polished diamonds abroad at the same rate, Mr. M. Tsur, Director of the Department of Financing Imports and Exports of the Ministry of Finance, told a press conference yesterday.

The previous rate of exchange was IL.1 for $1 both for purchase and sale, and a special advantageous rate was payable on the added value. Until the present stocks are sold, the manufacturers will buy the raw material at the IL.1,800 rate, but will sell their stock at the IL.1 rate.

Higher Rate For Austrian Schillings

The rate of exchange for blocked Austrian schillings was increased to IL.6.300 for 100 sch. yesterday, the Ministry of Finance announced.

The previous rate was IL.5.250 for 100 sch. It is hoped that the measure will encourage the transfer of funds from Austria.

BODY FOUND HANGING

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Baruch Gendleman, 64, of 15 Rehov Yavneh, was found hanging from an iron window bar in his bathroom at 6 a.m. today. He left a note in Yiddish, and the police believe that he was driven to suicide by melancholy. The body was taken to Rambam Hospital.

T. A. WOMAN ENDS LIFE

A 40-year-old Tel Aviv woman committed suicide yesterday morning in Jerusalem, when she jumped from the roof of a five-storey building on Jaffa Road facing the Traffic Police Station.

The woman, who had been visiting her brother, died instantly. It is thought that she was suffering from depression.

VEGETABLE PRICES

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Vegetable wholesale prices (in kgs.) in Haifa this morning were:— Tomatoes, 220 pr. Cucumbers, grade "A"—400 pr.; "B"—200 pr. Green peppers, 220 pr. Yellow beans, 650-700 pr. Grapes, 250-600 pr. Melons, 280 pr. Customers have been asked to pay no more than 25 per cent to 30 per cent over this price.

RATION NEWS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Local junior villages: 300 gms. Coffee; 50 gms. for adults. Dried and Meh cards, Lamed 27, Temp. 28.

New Security Issued By Government

The issue of a new security, a P. note for Foreign Currency, was announced by Mr. P. Sapir, Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

The issue is designed to encourage the transfer of funds from West Germany by Israel residents, according to the agreement signed last spring between the We... German authorities and the Israel Purchasing Mission. Retroactive to May 27, Israel residents may purchase Promissory Notes for Foreign Currency against dollars, Sterling, or Swiss Francs which they may receive from legacies, gifts, life insurance, liquidation of assets abroad, Reparations or restitution.

The Notes will be issued in units of $100, $500 and $1,000 and will bear annual interest of five per cent, payable semi-annually. They will be redeemable for the full amount in 15 years, at the exchange rate prevailing then, though in the interim period the holder may demand repayment by giving 90 days notice.

Mr. Sapir stated that his Ministry believed that the danger of any decrease in the value of the Israel currency had passed and that the purpose of the issue was to reassure those who feared that the value of their holdings might decrease. He expressed the hope that the measure would further improve the attitude of the public towards foreign currency regulations.

While primarily intended to facilitate the transfer of funds from West Germany, foreign nationals resident in Israel may purchase the Notes against the hard foreign currencies.

In reply to a question, Mr Sapir said that interest payable on the Notes was taxable.

State Offers Terms To Buy Up Power Shares

The Government has offered the following terms for the acquisition of ordinary shares of the Palestine Electric Corporation, registered in Israel, the P.E.C. informed the shareholders this week.

For each ordinary share the holders were offered $2.80 in Israel "Tavel Dollar" Bonds calculated at par, plus an amount of IL.1,400 payable by six half-yearly instalments carrying interest as from October 1, 1954, on the amount outstanding at the rate of four per cent per annum payable in Israel currency.

The half-yearly instalments (except the last) will be 250 pruta each and the last instalment will be of 150 pruta. The first of these instalments will be paid on October 15, 1954, and the subsequent instalments will be paid on April 1, and October 1, each year.

Alternatively the Government offered IL.4,900 per share payable in Israel currency on December 15, 1954.

Shareholders were informed that the offer was good for the whole, or part, of their holdings until the end of this month.

Orlogin Supplies Only Watch Cases—Gov't

The Orlogin watch factory actually employed only four workers on assembling watches for export and imported the entire movements, supplying only the cases, according to a statement released yesterday by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry statement was in reply to a charge by the management of the factory that the Ministry forced the closing down of the $1m. factory.

Orlogin, the statement said, had applied to the Government for an export monopoly of watches, although two other Israel watch factories were engaged in the assembling of movements as well as finished watches. This request was refused when it was found that Orlogin manufactured all sorts of metal products and that most of its 40 employees were not actually engaged in the manufacture of watches for export, but on other items.

The Government notified the Orlogin factory that it could give them import privileges only if they took steps to manufacture the movements instead of importing them already assembled. The company had not lived up to these requirements, the official announcement said.

When the Economic Advisory Staff offered to investigate the problem, the company refused to await the results, the statement concluded.

STANDARD FLOUR 'SATISFACTORY'

The quality of standard flour is "quite satisfactory," the spokesman for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said yesterday, answering charges made by a representative of the Bakers' Association, affiliated to the Merchants' Association, and published in the press on Tuesday.

It was significant, the spokesman added, that no answers to their offer to exchange any bad flour had been received by the Ministry.

A TWO-DAY conference of radio amateurs will be held at Afridar, Ashkelon, over the week-end. There will be lectures and demonstrations of contacts with countries abroad.

President Ben-Zvi in conversation with Father Spiridione at the Italian monastery of Beit Jemal, near Hartuv, in the Jerusalem Corridor, which the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi visited on Tuesday. The monastery has a collection of antiquities, including Maccabean coins. Photo by Schlesinger

Pay for Self-Employed Reserves Assured

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

An amendment to the Reserve Service Law making provision for payment to self-employed persons who perform Reserve duty in the Defence Forces, unanimously passed its final reading in the Knesset yesterday. Hitherto, only employees were compensated for such service.

Mr. A. Govrin, chairman of the Labour Committee, who presented the Bill, announced that the Committee had made the change retroactive to April 1, 1954.

An amendment by Mr. M. Wilner (Communist) to increase the maximum from 80% to 100% (depending on family status) of the reservist's average earnings, and the minimum from 50% to 90% was defeated.

Also defeated was an amendment by Mr. E. Shostak (Herut) calling for the establishment of a reservists' insurance fund to which all self-employed persons would contribute. If certain groups are permitted to exclude themselves, Mr. Shostak maintained, the rate paid by the remaining contributors might be unduly high.

An amendment to the Discharged Soldiers Law also passed its final reading unanimously. It extends privileges with regard to re-employment to veterans or members of the Jewish Brigade and Allied armies in World War II.

Negev Postal System To Be Extended

The Ministry of Posts is negotiating for the extension of the mobile postal services in the Negev beyond the twenty points now served, the Minister, Dr. Yosef Burg, said yesterday in reply to a question in the Knesset. He also reported that there would be an extension of the radio-telephone service in the area some time next year.

Inquiry Ordered Into J'lem Water Status

The Director General of the Ministry of Finance, Mr. P. Sapir, yesterday announced the formation of a special committee to investigate Jerusalem's water supply problems.

The committee will consist of the Directors-General of the Ministries of Finance and Interior and the Director of the Water administration. The Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. E. Eliachar, and Mr. R. Shari, Jerusalem Municipal Councilor will also participate in the deliberations of the committee, which will discuss all the issues concerning Jerusalem's water supply and will report back to the Government in two weeks' time.

Mr. Sapir made his announcement before the Knesset Interior Committee which noted his statement.

Mekorot Stops Water To 500 Families

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The water supply to the Municipal shikun in the Bayside area, where 500 families are living in extremely crowded conditions, was stopped by the Mekorot Company yesterday "because the tenants had not paid their water bill."

The supply was resumed today, following intervention by the Municipal Water Department, which stated that no bills were outstanding, but that there had been a dispute over a technical matter between Mekorot and the Department.

The tenants do not pay Mekorot directly, but through the Department, which had settled all debts. The stoppage caused considerable suffering to the residents.

Work on Nordau Plaza To be Resumed

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Hope that the Nordau-Plaza—the large skeleton of a building overlooking the beach in the north of town—will be turned into the largest hotel in the country within a year, was reported here today.

An agreement to lease the hotel for 25 years to a group of American capitalists representing hotel interests in the U.S. was received here recently for signature. The hotel owners hope to clinch the deal finally and begin completion of the work before early October. The Municipality was to take over the hotel building by October 1, if building work was not resumed.

About IL.1m. are to be spent on interior work and furnishing for the 225-bedroom hotel. A sizeable amount of this will be in hard currency, which makes up part of the large sum which the lessees are to pay for running the luxury hotel.

40 YOUNG ARAB participants in the Cultural Workers' Course sponsored by the Va'ad Hapoel of the Histadrut visited the Knesset yesterday.

Hens Yield More To Parliamentary Cackle

CANBERRA, Wednesday (Reuter). — A poultry farmer of Frankston, 40 kms. from Melbourne, claims to have increased his egg production by allowing his hens to listen to radio broadcasts of parliamentary debates.

After fixing a radio loudspeaker in the pens, the farmer found that his hens reached peak production when listening to the country's politicians. His only regret now was that Parliament does not sit continuously.

Help Promised To Save Safad

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A number of Ministries and institutions have already responded favourably to suggestions for improving the economic condition of Safad, the Knesset Economic Committee reported yesterday. The Committee undertook a study of Safad at the suggestion of Mr. M. Chasani (Hapoel Hamizrahi).

It feels that Safad has a great future as a summer resort and a tourist attraction, and urges that the bodies concerned make a special effort to develop these aspects.

The Jewish National Fund has announced its readiness to double its afforestation work in the town next year, and to carry out projects to prepare the land for agricultural settlements in the vicinity, if the institutions concerned decide to set up such settlements in sufficient time.

A representative of the Ministry of Finance informed the Committee that it is prepared to aid existing industries in Safad with credit for working capital and other purposes. The sum of IL.40,000 has already been made available, and the Bank Leumi branch in Safad has begun to issue such loans.

Encouraging commitments were also made by the Development Authority and the Ministries of Labour, Defence, Education and Culture, Communications and for Social Welfare.

At the same time, the report makes a number of recommendations designed to create additional employment immediately in order to halt the exodus from the town, and also, in the long run, to develop Safad economically.

Lower Fuel Prices Asked for Fishermen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Wednesday.— The Knesset Finance Committee has asked the Ministers of Finance and Agriculture to allow fishermen a reduction on fuel prices in order to safeguard the industry, it was learned here today. When the subsidy on fuel was withdrawn two months ago, the price of gas oil (solar) used by fishing boats rose from IL.47,850 to IL.62 per 1,000 litres. As a result, at least 20 per cent of a vessel's gross earnings are now spent on fuel and oil, the Fishermen's Union spokesman said here today. This expenditure "was unbearable" and this fact had been recognised by the Finance Committee, which recommended that fuel for fishing boats be sold at the previous price.

It was also learned that the Ministry of Commerce has ordered that the issue of import licences for tinned sardines be stopped. Negotiations between sardine tinners and "Scrip" firms are now proceeding with the Ministry's blessings with the view to selling locally tinned sardines in "Scrip" shops. The Ministry has also promised that no imported fish would be put on the local market during the next few weeks at least. However, many fishmongers are still selling imported fillet at a black market price of IL.1,500 and over.

Meanwhile sardine fishermen in the Bay have been returning practically empty-handed during the past few nights, because strong currents are preventing the concentration of sardines and have made the casting of nets virtually impossible.

Finland Asked To Send Paper

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finnish Kraft paper suppliers have been asked to offset the current shortage of paper bags, which is interrupting the delivery of bagged superphosphates from the Fertilisers and Chemicals plant to farmers, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

Hadera-made paper supplies have been insufficient to meet the demand, and the American-Israel Paper Mills have agreed to the purchase of 100 tons annually from Finland. The Ministry of Finance has thus been placed in the position of asking the Finnish manufacturers to supply more paper after having asked them earlier to rescind a previous agreement and supply less.

Since production plans are made six months in advance, no regular deliveries from Finland can be expected for some time.

'No Relatives In Same Office'

An order was issued by the Civil Service Commission recently to the effect that relatives cannot be employed in the "same place of work" or in positions where one member of the family occupies a position directly or indirectly superior to the other.

According to the order, immediate relatives (husbands, wives, parents, children, brothers or sisters) must never serve in the same place of employment while close relatives, such as uncles, aunts, brothers- or sisters-in-law or cousins, can be engaged in the same division only with the permission of the Civil Service Commission.

Deadline Fixed

Directors of Government offices must ascertain by the end of this year the relationships between their employees, while all new workers should be employed only after finding out their relationship with workers already engaged.

The Commission has also issued a set of regulations concerning the settlement of disputes between Civil Service personnel.

Designed to prevent the interference by such disputes with the orderly functioning of Government offices, the regulations provide for their settlement within 30 days by the District Office of the Organization of Government Workers or the Civil Service Centre if the District Office of the Organization cannot resolve the quarrel.

Gov't Posts for Western Professional Workers

The Civil Service Commissioner, Mr. David Rosolio, yesterday laid down the procedure for the employment of professional workers from Western countries, to fill various vacancies in the Civil Service.

This step was taken after negotiations between the Commissioner and the Committee for the Encouragement of Western Immigration attached to the Jewish Agency and the Foreign Ministry.

The vacancies available, which are expected to range from 10 to 15 per year, lie in the fields of science and technology, such as chemists and engineers, rather than executive positions.

The Civil Service Commission will engage the foreign workers through Israel Consulates abroad and through the Professional and Technical Workers Aliya Office of the Jewish Agency. Candidates will be employed for a trial period of one year.

The State will pay no expenses in connection with the immigration of the workers, who may however get some assistance from Patwa and the Committee.

Infants Left At Welfare Office

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Two infants, a tot two and four, were found yesterday on the steps of the Social Welfare Office at the Kirya here. Presumably, they were abandoned by their mother, who has not yet been found. The babies are being cared for by the Department for Social Welfare.

French Film Festival Starts Today in T.A.

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A festival of French films under the auspices of M. Pierre Gilbert, the French Ambassador, will begin at the Z.O.A. House here tomorrow evening with the presentation of Rene Clair's "La Beaute du Diable."

The festival is the first programme of a new club designed to foster better film appreciation to be known as Cineclub. Film critics, cinema owners and film distributors have joined in sponsoring the club.

Cineclub also announced that it has invited as its guests the Italian director and actor, Mr. Vittorio de Sica, and the French actor, M. Daniel Gelin.

LABOUR EXCHANGE

A central Labour Exchange for youth, the seventh in the country, was opened with festive ceremonies in Jerusalem yesterday in the presence of the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson.

Fire Prevention Week poster shows the three major causes of disastrous fires. "Put Them Out!" it warns.

Fires Cause IL.12m. Damage Yearly

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Field fires have caused IL.12m. worth of damage to the national economy so far this year. Some 20,000 man-hours have been lost in fighting the conflagrations which destroyed half-a-million dunams of pasture land, forest, crops and orchards. Over 2,000 tons of meat could have been raised on the 457,000 dunams of pasture destroyed to date.

These figures were revealed here today by representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and the U.S. Operations Mission's Agricultural Division, at a press conference called to announce the opening of "National Fire Prevention Week." The week of propaganda and education will be opened by a radio address by the President at 8.50 p.m. on Saturday. During the week, a special five-minute film on field fires will be shown at all cinemas. The film was produced by the USOM for the Ministry of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Department and was directed by Mr. William Lowdermilk, head of the USOM Audio-visual Aids Division.

More than 500 of the 700 field fires this year were caused by cigarette ends and lighted matches carelessly thrown away. To remind the travelling public not to throw such dangerous objects out of car or train windows, stickers are to be displayed on all vehicles calling at petrol stations next week, and also on every railway carriage window. Many blazes were caused by camp fires left burning.

Mr. Arie Amir, Acting Director General of the Ministry for Agriculture, Mr. Nathan Gil, head of its Soil Conservation Service, and Mr. John Kilough, of the USOM, said that nearly all field fires had been caused by carelessness, as there is little summer lightning here. The great increase in their number was partly due to the larger quantities of natural fodder and weeds now growing on Israel's soil following the reduction of open grazing with smaller herds of goats.

"No one seems to care about fires. This is a farmer's responsibility, not that of the Government. The public must be educated to avoid fires and to help put them out when they occur," the spokesman said.

Fire Prevention Week is aimed at helping this education. The campaign now being launched will be continued intensively next year.

Petah Tikva Firemen Strike for Pay

PETAH TIKVA, Wednesday.— Local firemen began a strike here today in protest against the Municipality's failure to pay July salaries.

During the first three days of the strike, all calls on the fire brigade will be transferred by an orderly to other fire stations in the area. Later, this service will also be stopped.

The firemen were on strike for back pay about two months ago. The Municipality is to discuss the question at its next Council meeting, possibly with a view to transfer the service to a municipal department, it is understood. *(Ilim.)*

CONTROLS ON TERRAMYCIN, achromycin and aureomycin have now been lifted and may be obtained from any pharmacy on a doctor's prescription.

34 Escape Bus Crash To Die from Careless Match

NEW MEXICO, Wednesday (Reuter). — A man who struck a match near an overturned bus caused an explosion and fire which cost him his own life, killed 33 others and badly burned five more.

He was one of the first to escape from the bus after it had overturned while careering down a gully near San Juan de los Lagos with 37 passengers on board. Few, if any, of the passengers were injured in the accident, but when the man lit a match while searching for his luggage he set off an explosion that turned the bus into a torch of blazing petrol.

Imports Investigation Spreads Abroad

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Mr. N. Gillerman, Director of the Foodstuffs Import Department in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, will be held *incommunicado* by Economic Police investigators longer than had been anticipated, since the investigation into alleged illegal import deals in which he and the importer, Mr. D. Silberstein, seem to have been involved, is expanding.

It is learned that the inquiry has now branched out abroad to include the connections of local importers with foreign companies. Meanwhile, the Economic Police declined to comment today on rumours that Mr. Y. Yiergin, an assistant to Mr. Gillerman, had also been questioned. *(Ilim.)*

Arab Youth Too Eager To Enter Army

ACRE, Wednesday. — An Arab youth from Sachnin village, Lower Galilee, who wanted to be an Israel soldier, and was not going to let his age stop him, was detained on a charge of altering his identity card here today.

Mustapha Saoud Kassem, 16, admitted to the Army recruiting official, who had a suspicion that something was wrong with the would-be soldier's identity card, that he had altered his date of birth from 1938 to 1936. He explained that "he could not bear to watch all the village youths registering for Army service, while he had to stay at home just because he was a couple of years too young."

SHEIKH JARRAH MINES

The Israel authorities exploded six large mines in no-man's-land near Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem, on Tuesday, the Old City daily, "Falastin", reported. The Jordan authorities were informed in advance by Israel through the Truce Supervision Organization, the paper added.

Israeli Crosses Ocean Alone in 82 Days

NEW YORK, Wednesday (UP). —Joseph Hawkins, an Israel sailor who crossed the Atlantic in 82 days aboard a sailing boat, left for home today aboard an El Al airliner.

Hawkins arrived in the U.S. three weeks ago from Puerto Rico, where he finally docked his boat, "Lamerhak II," after crossing the Atlantic. The boat was equipped with a five-horse-power auxiliary motor, a sextant and a library of 100 books in seven languages, one less than Hawkins speaks.

He lived entirely on canned food and is the first Israeli to perform such a feat of seamanship.

He is returning to Israel to obtain a visa and a re-entry permit for the U.S., plus the moral and financial support of the Israel Government for plans to continue on a round-the-world cruise in his boat.

Scare Bomb Explodes Near Gov't Building in Haifa

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A scare bomb was exploded outside the Government building here opposite the Town Hall, at about 3.45 this morning. Two windows were smashed by the blast. No other damage was caused.

The bomb had no steel chasing.

The watchman in the building informed the police at 6 a.m. that he had heard the explosion but had thought that it was a kettle, and had paid no attention to it. When he opened the doors at 6 o'clock he found a window smashed on the ground floor and another on the first floor. Police stated that the investigation will be extremely difficult because the watchman had failed to report the explosion immediately.

REPORT ON PHYSICIANS

The Ministerial Committee formed to deal with the question of the salaries of employed physicians, yesterday presented its report to the Minister of Health, Mr. Joseph Serlin.

The report will be discussed at the next Cabinet meeting on Sunday.

Cables in Brief

FLOOD. — Flooding Himalayan rivers in Nepal have swept away hundreds of people and cattle for the second time this year, the Nepalese Communications Minister reported yesterday from the devastated areas.

REFUGEES.—The 75,000th East German escapee to West Berlin this year, was checked in on Tuesday, officials revealed. August's total of more than 18,000 was about 10,000 higher than the average for the preceding months.

CONTROLS.—Canada yesterday lifted export controls on a wide range of goods which now can be shipped to the Soviet Union without prior Government approval. They include synthetic rubber, goods wagons, certain electrical power units, some chemicals and a variety of heavy factory machinery.

AGRICULTURE.—The Food and Agriculture Organization announced yesterday that means of expanding production and consumption of selected farm products in the Middle East will be considered at a regional FAO conference in Beirut from September 12 to 16. Seventeen nations will attend.

ENGINE. — A 4,000 HP turbine engine, which, it is claimed, can compete with a Diesel engine in economy because of its low fuel consumption, has been designed specifically for air transport by the Bristol Airplane Co. in West England.

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Basak Driving School (formerly Vienna).

The funeral will take place today, Thursday, Sept. 2, at 5 p.m., in Naharlya. Buses at 1.30 p.m. from 16 Rehov Hardegg, German Colony, Haifa.

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EVILS UNKNOWN

GREAT men make great mistakes; small men make small ones. The same is true of nations. The French are a great people and if it was a mistake they made when the National Assembly guillotined the E.D.C. Treaty on Monday it was certainly a great one. We say *if* because we do not know. We, who are not of Europe — though we surely know Europe better than any other people outside the traditional boundaries of the old continent — have not had to face the agonizing choice that was before the Western European states. And though in the nature of things we were not and could not be indifferent to the great debate on European defence and union, there is a sense in which it does not behove us to pronounce judgment. We are not at peace with our neighbours—though through no fault of our own. But, if we were and if it was proposed to us that we enter into a close military arrangement with, say, Syria and Jordan, would we?

Our situation is not on all fours with that of the French; it is in many ways a worse one. But it permits us to see more clearly than some how difficult it was for the French to reconcile themselves to the Schuman project. It is not the purely military aspect of the plan which made them balk. It was the fear that, as M. Herriot said, it would mean the "end of France"—as a sovereign, independent state. The 319 deputies who voted to end the debate on the measure realized that what was really at stake was France's free hand in the world.

It was, of course, precisely this prospect of limiting France's—and Germany's — sovereignty that constituted the great attraction of the plan. It was this aspect that offered hope to all those of good will who wished for a united and strong Europe and the beginning of the end of national rivalries ... and states. Theirs is an ancient dream; and it is hard not to sympathize with it. But it is as easy to see why it was rejected. We would not enter into an arrangement of this sort with our powerful neighbours until many years of peace and calm had passed. There is no trust in the Middle East. Nor is there on the Rhine. So rather a small, free hand than a large, restricted one. For as always, we rather seek the evils that we know than fly to others that we do not. But while E.D.C. implied great risks and dangers it did, at least, offer hope of better things. It was also one way whereby Germany might be reintegrated into Western Europe.

Germany will now be freed of the last restrictions and also armed. Even M. Mendes-France has accepted this. "If we want to stay inside the Atlantic Alliance we must agree to the rearmament of Western Germany," he told the Assembly during the debate. So the problem remains and is all the acuter for the length of time that has passed since the treaty was drawn up and signed. Much depends on the next few weeks when the statesmen concerned will decide just what position to take up in the face of the Assembly's vote. Of particular importance is the new, projected meeting between M. Mendes-France and Sir Winston Churchill. One thing must be clear to them: the dangers looming on the European horizon are very great indeed, perhaps greater than any that might have come of E.D.C. For the possible evils of E.D.C. were calculable. The evils abounding in the present situation are unknown — and therefore more to be feared.

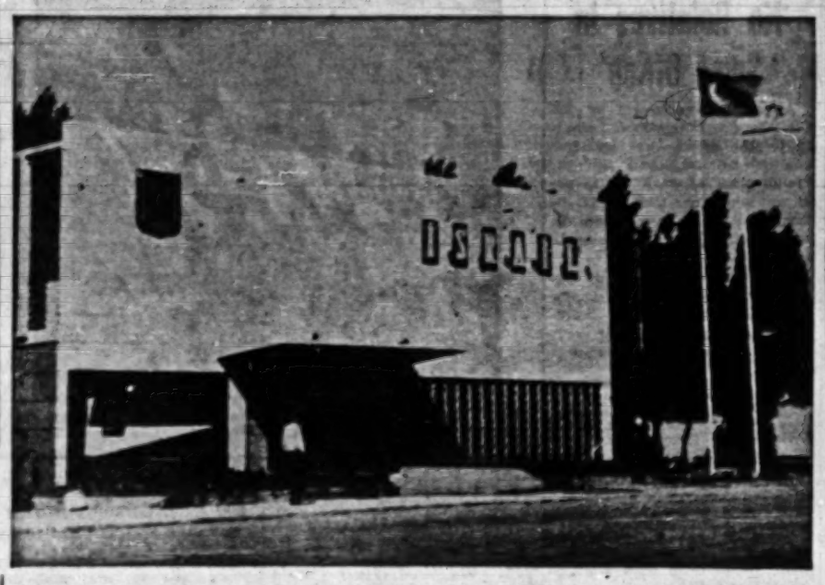
'More Trade With Italy Possible'

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday. — Trade between Israel and Italy could be more than the $6-7m. reached this year, Benedetto Capomazza marchese di Campolattaro, the Italian Minister to Israel, said today before leaving by LAI for a two-month home leave. His family is to sail later.

An Israel-Italian Board will meet to discuss the renewal of the trade agreement between the two countries. Italy is interested in buying phosphates, fertilizer, cement, diamonds and artificial teeth, the Minister added.

Israel and Italian citizens will shortly be able to claim damages for property confiscated during World War II by either of the two Governments, who recently signed a mutual claims agreement. Property valued at about $500,000 is involved, he stated. (ITim)

Boundless Trade Horizons Opening Up in Turkey



The new permanent Israel Pavilion at the Izmir Trade Fair

Israel Pavilion's Success at Izmir Fair

By a Special Correspondent

IZMIR. — It is evident to every visitor to the 24th International Izmir Trade Fair held annually from August 20 to September 22 that Israel has been integrated commercially into the Mediterranean family of nations. Israel is the only Asian country participating besides Turkey, which is again assuming its ancient role of mediator between East and West now that the U.S.S.R. is participating for the first time. Fourteen other nations are represented, including the United Kingdom, France, Poland, and Hungary.

The Fair, now a major international event was originally meant to promote Turkish trade and industry, and, in particular, to encourage the development of Izmir (Smyrna) Turkey's main export outlet, which was razed during the Greco-Turkish War of 1923 and again in an earthquake in 1928.

The exhibition is held in the famous 460-dunam "Kultur Park" with its zoo, botanical garden, amphitheatre, museums, ponds, amusement park and parachute tower. Trees and meadows surround the pavilions, fitting artistically into the general impression of a big Oriental bazaar put up with Occidental technique.

Excellent Site

Israel has kept up with the development of the Fair these past four years, and has this time built a permanent pavilion. It was put up this summer in the very heart of the park, facing one of the most charming lakes, and was in perfect order by the opening of the Fair, while hammering was still heard in the other pavilions.

The Turks consider our pavilion one of the most attractive at the Fair. It is a functional structure, seven metres high and 700 square metres in area, designed by Arieh Elhanani, the Tel Aviv architect, and combines simple beauty with the facilities required by exhibitors and buyers. Display windows and stands inside, and the well-planned area outside, feature the products of 110 Israel manufacturers to their best advantage. This year the exhibits include textiles and paints, cement and glass, chemicals and drugs, kitchen utensils and burners, sewing machines, medical short-wave apparatus, cars, trailers, farm implements, tires, and automobile spare parts.

The director of the pavilion is Dr. Eliezer Justic of the Manufacturers' Association, who has won the respect and wholehearted collaboration of the Turkish authorities.

The Fair was officially opened by the President of the Turkish Parliament, Mr. Rafik Koraltan, and the Turkish Minister of Commerce, Mr. Sitki Yircali, in the presence of Mr. Zalman Suzayeff, Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry.

Official Compliment

Mr. Suzayeff later received the President of Parliament at the entrance to the pavilion and invited him to visit Israel. To this Mr. Koraltan replied that one did not have to travel all the way to Israel to get an idea of the vast progress that this young country has made.

Mr. Koraltan spent quite some time at the pavilion, stopping on his way for a chat with two pretty Kaiser-Frazer saleagirls, and the picture gave the pavilion much publicity in the Turkish Press. In a recorded statement for Kol Yisrael, Mr. Koraltan later stressed the similarity between his country and Israel, both of which are working hard to develop their resources as rapidly as possible.

Observers noted that the Israel Pavilion was the only one at which speeches were exchanged by high-ranking delegates during the official inauguration. The fact that Israel sent a Deputy Minister to attend the Fair was much publicized, and Mr. Suzayeff's subsequent calls at Istanbul and at Ankara took place in an atmosphere of great cordiality.

Extra Import Licences

To stimulate participation at the Fair, the Turkish Government has granted supernumerary import licences of half a million dollars for Israel goods displayed at Izmir. Trade with Turkey has increased every year, and official statistics list the value of Israel exports to that country at $112,000 in 1950, at a million dollars in 1951, and at nearly nine million in 1953. Careful estimates place the figure this year at about $15m.

Under the bold industrialization plan launched by Ankara some years ago priority is given to heavy industry and to building materials, and not to the production of consumers' goods, which will continue to be imported. Israel is an ideal supplier, because, in exchange, she can buy Turkey's agricultural produce. In addition to the act that the two economies complement each other at present, we must take into account the physical nearness of the two countries and the excellent maritime communications between them.

Small Indent

Pessimists who fear that our trade with Turkey will decline must bear in mind the fact that so far only one and one-half per cent of Turkey's imports come from Israel. Since its purchasing power is steadily growing due to exceptionally good crops in recent years and to national development plans carried out with American aid, the Turkish market offers extraordinary opportunities for Israel industry.

Arab League's Failures Under Fire

Need for New Secretary Underlines Disunity

By RUSSELL THOMAS

CAIRO (OFNS). — WHEN the Arab League assembles this month the most important subject for discussion will not appear on the agenda: it is nothing less than the future of the Arab League itself. It will be discussed in the lobbies, and may bring into existence a committee of Arab leaders to revise its charter. For the Arab world as a whole is now well aware that the League has failed to fulfil the hopes that its sponsors originally expected to achieve.

Some take the view that because the League has failed it should be disbanded. They argue, with truth, that many divisions within the Arab Middle East are greater now than before the League was formed; indeed, that the League has reduced rather than increased Arab unity. The contrary view is that the body is, nevertheless, the symbol of the desire of the Arab peoples, whatever failures Governments may have imposed on it.

Egypt Intervenes

Debate is being precipitated by an administrative question related to the Secretary-Generalship. The present Secretary-General is Abdul Khalek Hassuna, a career diplomat of the Egyptian Service. He took over from Abdul Rahman Azzam, the man whose personality impressed on the Arab League its early character as an instrument of propaganda.

Abdel Rahman Azzam was appointed for five years and had two years of his second term to go when the Egyptian Government insisted on his resignation. Now the question is whether Hassuna is merely appointed for the remainder of Azzam's term—which would mean he must be reappointed or replaced next month—or whether he has taken over a new five-year term in his own right, in which case he would have three more years to serve.

Hassuna's appointment was a reaction against the policies of Azzam. The latter made the League virtually a super-government, often establishing policies by public statement before the Arab Governments had approved them. Iraq and Jordan were strongly opposed to his methods, and even Lebanon and Syria had become very critical of them; but as long as Farouk reigned in Egypt, and he had the support of the Saudi Arabian monarchs, Azzam was secure in his position.

Shukeiry Intervenes

The abdication of Farouk and the advent of the military regime in Egypt led to his resignation, for the Egyptian Army was as little tolerant as Iraq of having the League instigate policies on its behalf. Hence it appointed Hassuna, a retiring type of man who could be expected to administer, but not to instigate, policy on its own initiative.

Hassuna

The League then declined to a general secretariat, a clearing-house which did at second remove what the diplomatic envoys did at first hand. But ex Assistant Secretary-General there was, by this time, Ahmed El-Shukeiry, an energetic Palestinian, who considers that the League has gone from one extreme to the other. He regards the League as a central body which advises and helps in the formulation of Arab government policies.

This basic question has brought Hassuna and Shukeiry into conflict.

Candidates for Offices

Decision on the secretaryship will probably be made by Egypt, who has the established right to appoint the Secretary-General from her own nationals. So far there has been no clear indication of a successor for Hassuna. It has been suggested that Mahmoud Fawzi the present Foreign Minister, would be transferred to the post; but apart from the fact that the Egyptian leaders say no Cabinet shuffle is intended, it is doubtful whether Mahmoud Fawzi would agree to accept the post.

Another candidate, Mohammed Salah e-Din, former Foreign Minister in the Wafd Government, has now fallen completely out of favour with the Egyptian Army.

Key Post

It is certain that the discussions in the lobbies this month will be mainly concerned with the personality of the Secretary-General, whose character will probably determine the evolution of the organization. It is also certain that Iraq will never again accept Azzam and his methods.

The aim will be a half-way house, between the quiescence of Hassuna and the ebullience of Azzam; an organization which helps to make policy through the established governments of the Arab States but keeps out of the limelight of political propaganda, except against the accepted enemies of Arab national appreciation.

OLD CITY ON ARAB LEAGUE

The Arab League is nothing but a post office for the incoming and outgoing mail of the Arab statesmen, and the three Assistant Secretaries-General are contemplating resignation because their conscience doesn't permit them to continue drawing high salaries without doing any work, writes "Al Jihad," the Old City paper. The League is riddled with incompetence, blackmail, and nepotism, the paper concludes.

Yesterday's Press

Policy Debate Reveals Unity

"Davar" (Histadrut) notes the large measure of unity revealed in the Knesset debate on foreign affairs, the conviction common to the entire community, of the justice of this country's case, and the knowledge that we can take care of ourselves. American policy is likely to have a detrimental effect on the chances for peace in this part of the world: not only our army but our potential in general will have to be strengthened.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) says that the Western powers have no use for Israel in their global strategy, and that the building up of reactionary regimes in the Arab countries is far more important for them than taking basic Israel interests and demands into consideration. The paper notes that Britain has now taken up its position among the anti-Israel forces, just as it did in 1947/8 when the "socialist forces of tomorrow" (Eastern Europe) supported Israel in her struggle. The paper welcomes Mr. Argov's declaration in the Knesset, which shows that Mapai had second thoughts on its foreign policy.

"Herut" also praises Mr. Argov's activist speech, and criticises the General Zionist spokesman who recommended "not getting nervous," while another representative of the party came out in favour of the very opposite policy. The paper expresses its satisfaction with the progressive adoption of its party's concrete political programme by more and more people, after it had to spend so much time in the political wilderness. On the other hand "Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) criticizes the Begin speech and praises the Prime Minister's statement.

Refractory Line

"Zmanim" (Progressive) draws attention to the fact that the Cairo junta gets arms and Western assistance notwithstanding the fact that Gamal Abdul Nasser declared that Egypt will never join the West in any alliance and will prevent other Arab countries from doing so. Perhaps, the paper wonders, we should adopt a refractory line if we want Western support.

Several morning newspapers also commented on the report of the Amos Tivon inquiry. "Ha'aretz" (Independent) says that the recommendations do not make it clear who should accompany the Gadna youth on its marches; and no teacher will be ready to accept the responsibility unless he is given full authority.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) claims that the report is unsatisfactory because it did not have the courage to touch the roots of a system that is all wrong: "experts" without training and experience, who pretend to know everything and who should be removed in this as in other fields. "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) also demands a change in the educational structure of the youth movements and says that recklessness and "showing off" are something very different from courage.

Readers' Letters

CINEMA STRIKE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—The Jerusalem Cinema Owners claim that, owing to the reduced purchasing power of the public, business is bad and is likely to become worse if an additional Municipal Tax were to increase prices further.

Without going into this argument, one thing is sure, namely, that many people refrain from going to the cinemas because of their unclean and dilapitated condition, the lack of ushers and the general lack of comfort. Only two cinemas, the "Or Gil" and the "Arnon" can be considered "civilised." One new cinema was built without a lobby, compelling the public to wait in the street. In others, chairs are broken or badly repaired, and therefore are most uncomfortable. The dirt and neglect evident everywhere reflect the generally grim appearance of this city.

But attractive cinemas, in addition to other amenities, are necessary to bring tourists to Jerusalem, not for a few hours only, but for a longer stay. For this reason, the Municipality should levy a lower entertainment tax on those cinemas which are maintained on a satisfactory level, and a higher one on those where the comfort of the public is completely disregarded.

Yours etc.,
K.G.

Jerusalem, August 28.

TEMPLE OF ASTARTE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—Th.F.M., in his article of August 24, gave a most interesting description of an archaeological find, but when he strays from his subject to suggest the revival of the Astarte motif in public parks and in the ballet, he shows singularly poor taste.

To call Astarte "Our Lady of Nahariya" or the "Goddess of Love" is quite outrageous to a religious Jew or, I should hope, to any Jew who knows his Bible and knows what the Holy Writ says about the cult of this goddess, not of love (however defined) but, at best, of fertility. I should imagine that Christians, and especially Catholics, will find "Our Lady of Nahariya" applied to Astarte most offensive.

Yet one must thank Mr. Th.F.M. for showing us quite clearly the consequences of the present trend to substitute a Canaanite-Levantine hodgepodge of Marx, Ahad Ha'am and Plato for traditional belief. A "culture" synthesized from such ingredients as Astarte may be Canaanite or Israel — but it will not be Jewish any longer.

Yours etc.,
S. J. ELLERN

Ra'anana, August 24.

"SELF-EMPLOYED"

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Today's issue of The Jerusalem Post contains one gem: a suggestion so precious that I tremble lest it go undetected and thus to waste.

We "self-employed" tax-owers carry, as you rightly remarked, a collective club on our shoulders. C-o-l, or no c-o-l, the tax assessor reasons that if a man is not rogue enough to make at least 500 smackers a month on his own, he deserves to be taxed out of his entailed privileges and to become a tax-assessor himself. The assessor is enough of a student of economics to know that he cannot live on his salary. If he isn't and doesn't, his wife tells him. He sees the self-employed tax-ower alive before him; possibly he has owned to having children — the man must earn a fortune. So what does the righteous tax-assessor do? According to "Keeping Posted," he goes to the self-employed tax-ower's flat, finds his children still alive, and his wife prosperous — and shows him!

Why not make this procedure compulsory? The vast majority of self-employed tax-owers would greatly welcome the opportunity to have a tax-assessor for — let's say, 24 hours a year under their various roofs. To speak for ourselves, we have so many highly intelligent and even literate visitors that a tax-assessor now and again would be a welcome relief, and I am sure that the tax-assessors would love to live among their debtors. There would be so many advantages. The competent authorities would have intimate contact with the public, and if the tax-assessors brought their wives, the monthly budget of each recalcitrant tax-ower could be assessed to a T. Moreover, with their board and lodging provided by the public, C-o-l could be knocked off the tax-assessor's salary and thus free them from the mental anguish of enjoying a tax exemption their hosts do not share.

If the axiom prevails, as it apparently does, that expenditure equals income, this procedure would cut all the palaver short. Last but not least, it would solve at a stroke a pressing personal problem of

Yours, etc.
TEDDY ARNOLD

Binyamina, August.

LONDON AIR MAIL

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—The air mail between Israel and Great Britain often seems irregular and slow. Yet, on Friday morning, August 27, the postman delivered at my flat in Rehavia at 11:30 a.m. a copy of the air mail edition of "The Times" published in London early the previous morning.

This seems a remarkable international postal achievement.

Yours etc.,
EDWIN SAMUEL

Jerusalem, August 29.

PEN FRIENDS

Suzanne Hafmer, 1759—79th St. Brooklyn 14, N.Y., U.S.A., is a former resident of Israel who would like to keep in touch with the country. She is 21 and wants pen friends.

Haifa Art Notes

Varied Show at Traclyn

THE "Traclyn" Gallery has a varied show by many well known artists. Among the oils, Kahana presents several pictures, figures reduced to bare straight lines of cubist origin. Meyerowits has a nice little "Safad" whose white houses counterbalance dark green trees. In Natanson's "Concert," four musicians, with semi-circular shoulders, form a sombre quartet. I liked Reilinger's yellow flowers rising out of a grey vase against a background divided between emerald and dark grain. Streichman also has a flower painting.

Bornfriend is characterized by dull-toned backgrounds which, in certain lights, scarcely contrast with the subject. Then there were two opposing impressions of Acre — Abramowitz with a flat stylization (actually I favoured more his well balanced although crowded cafe scene of "On the Yarkon") and Okshi's semi-abstract approach which is yet alive.

Turning to Bazar's watercolours one is attracted by the verticality of "Jaffa Port" and the balanced detail of "Courtyard in Acre." Schwerin's coloured drawing, "Levelling the Dunes" is finely done—a group of workmen toiling, expressed with competent ease.

It is among the woodcuts that one meets expressionism. Rubin has it at its most typical in "Water Drawer," almost Chagall, although his best is "Self-Portrait." Avniel's coloured woodcuts are in a similar direction but differ in technique. "Ein Hod" is interesting but even more capable is the character study of "Moroccan Woman." Away from Expressionism, the visitor comes up against the Puritan simplicity of Pins' "Acre," black and white buildings rising to culminate in the candle-snuffer apex crowning the slender minaret.

A cross section in parve of several trends in Israel's Art.

Cellar Murals

THE Balfour Cellar has been decorated with four large mural oils, the work of G. Knispel, a young graduate of Bezalel. The four paintings consist of symbolic representations of Israel rural life — sowing, reaping, fishing and shepherding.

The colour is good, the line clean and a single colour background emphasizes the subject. On the other hand, Knispel's delineation of physical features is poor and he tends to employ too many motifs in each work. The best of the group is "Reaping," the man and the girl being placed one above the other to create a rhythm; here there is no superfluous detail.

Mr. Knispel, however, must learn that even framed murals are directly connected with a building's architecture. In a comparatively small area, the aim should be not to underline actual size by flat surfaces, but to extend it by perspective, *trompe-l'oeil* or whatever other means suit the circumstances.

H.

KEEPING POSTED

THE hot weather produces many strange phenomena ... watches stop or their minute hands gyrate crazily; government offices send their workers home at midday; glass-topped refrigerators tend to shatter in their astonished owners' faces, and fires blaze up in the middle of empty fields and sweep as far as Haifa suburbs. The Haifa Fire Brigade has furthered the widespread belief that this spontaneous combustion is caused by splinters of glass or by the extreme heat. Now one need not be a Haifa Technion graduate to know that every substance has an "ignition temperature." But our chemical

correspondent tells us that only materials like yellow phosphorous have low ignition points — somewhere about 34 degrees Centigrade. Both man and grass may ignite under atomic attention but even dry grass won't catch at 100 degrees Centigrade. Ordinary glass, if not formed in the shape of a lens, cannot concentrate the rays of the sun and if it could, would have to be well off the ground in order to focus them. The only reason for these outbreaks, our chemist tells us, is carelessness, and as long as people continue to throw cigarette butts out of cars and hikers and shepherds leave unextinguished fires behind them, we will continue to witness these destructive outbreaks.

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IT seems that the first step in the campaign to stop motorists from chain smoking and irritably throwing their butts out of the window is the amazing service now being offered by a number of new service stations. It was not long ago that drivers had to crawl around like hunting dogs to get a whiff of a benzine station. Now most of the new ones that dot the countryside have a small buffet or restaurant attached. The latest Mobilgas station between Tel Aviv and Herzlia prides itself on being "The Only Station Giving Full Service on in America." Two girls in snappy uniforms check your oil and tires while giving you petrol, and even wipe your windscreen, all as you sit comfortably (and cleanly) inside. Another bowser bar advertises "a free glass of cold soda while you wait." It won't be long before you can take in a movie at the same time.

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WOMAN in Tel Aviv turned in her identity card to have a mistake in her name corrected and when she called a week later to collect it she was informed that the card had already been sent to her by registered mail. Now, the Post Office has just told her they can't hand over the letter unless she produces her identity card....

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THE gentlemen negotiating the purchase of meat abroad may sometimes be surprised by the eagerness with which firms there fulfil orders. A brace of Brazilians here on an ILO fellowship recently pointed out that their country was delighted to meet an order for Israel. They pointed out that kashrut demands the front part of the animal while their other customers are interested only in the juicier rump steaks and loin chops. So they are glad to unload the front portions on Israel and send the choicest steaks to their European importers.

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OUR own appetite is pretty healthy, especially after a IL.2 dip in Jerusalem's new swimming pool which we will be spared in future now that it is only open to "members." But we are always a bit leery of bagelas, sendvichim and other kiosk tidbits, as often as not garnished with an indefinable yellow mayonnaise and pocked with innumerable house flies, street flies and common or garden gnats. But yesterday we passed

a tiny establishment where not a single fly was to be seen. Without bothering the proprietor for an explanation we ordered a *mayonnaise sendvich*, which really had a most interesting flavour. It reminded us of so many half-forgotten exotic delights. . . We were about to ask him for the recipe when we saw him take something from behind the counter and spray his glass case — and *sendvichim*—with DDT.

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THERE is a magnificent bearded Oriental gentleman who stands outside the Jerusalem bus station and intones incessantly, "Bab el Ghoum, Bab el Ghoum." We never stopped to figure this out until we drew level with him while in a bus queue recently and noticed that he was selling something — bubble gum.

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